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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 28, 2005
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Following is a Response to the Final Office Action dated 28 July 2005.

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

The period for response is hereby extended THREE month(s) to expire January 28, 2006 by this Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time. A PTO-2038 authorizing a charge for the appropriate petition fee of \$510 (37 CFR §1.17) accompanies this Response.

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